

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT
WETA TV26 PROGRAMMING

2nd Quarter 2016
April, May June

As the program schedule for WETA TV26 is planned, consideration is given to a variety of special interests in the Washington metropolitan area. During April, May and June, the following issues were covered in a variety of programming.

American History / Biography
Arts
Business / Industry
Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement
Economy
Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters
Health / Health Care
National Politics
Science / Technology
War / Veterans / National Security

The programming listed below represents ongoing series that continually touch upon the previously mentioned topics.

BBC World News America (Weeknights)
Charlie Rose (Weeknights)
Frontline (Weekly)
McLaughlin Group (Weekly)
Nightly Business Report (Weeknights)
PBS NewsHour (Weeknights)
PBS NewHour Weekend (Weekends)
Religion and Ethics Newsweekly (Weekly)
SciTech Now (Weekly)
To the Contrary (Weekly)
Washington Week (Weekly)

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American History / Biography

JACKIE ROBINSON (240) minutes

Aired Monday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:00pm

Robinson rises from humble origins to integrate Major League Baseball, performing brilliantly despite the threats and abuse he faces on and off the field and, in the process, challenges the prejudiced notions of what a black man can achieve.

JANICE JOPLIN: AMERICAN MASTERS (120) minutes

Aired Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 8:00 pm

A documentary chronicles the iconic rock singer's life and career through intimate letters and rare footage in the first in-depth film celebration of the musical artist. Director Amy Berg presents a portrait of a complicated, driven, often beleaguered artist. Chan Marshall narrates.

MARTYRS, MAYHEM, AND MARTIAL LAW: LIFE IN CIVIL WAR ALEXANDRIA (90) minutes

Aired Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 10:00 pm

A film produced by WETA, the flagship public broadcasting station in the nation's capital, explores more of the extraordinary history and human stories of Alexandria, Virginia, during the Civil War years, 1861-1865. Following the 2014 WETA production *Discovering Alexandria: The Early Years*, this one-hour new documentary, *Martyrs, Mayhem & Martial Law: Life in Civil War Alexandria*, joins WETA's portfolio of locally focused films created exclusively for viewers in Greater Washington

Arts

10 HOMES THAT CHANGES AMERICA (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Visit homes that transformed residential living, from grand estates like Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater to the pueblos of Taos, New Mexico, and the tenements of 19th-century New York.

WETA ARTS MAY (30) minutes

Aired Friday, May 6, 2016 at 10:30 pm

A star-studded summer at Wolf Trap; an artist creates eye-popping mandalas out of candy; an international fashion designer who goes green by sourcing fibers from a local sheep farm; and the stereotype-challenging images of “She Who Tells a Story: Women Photographers from Iran and the Arab World” at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

GREAT PERFORMANCES: JOAN BAEZ 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (120) minutes

Aired Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Celebrate Joan Baez' birthday with guests David Bromberg, Jackson Browne, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Judy Collins, David Crosby, Emmylou Harris, Indigo Girls, Damien Rice, Mavis Staples, Nano Stern, Richard Thompson and Paul Simon.

Business / Industry

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 11:30 pm

Chris Cox, the chief product officer of Facebook, introduces the platform's new live-streaming video tool.

FRONTLINE: THE BUSINESS OF DISASTER (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Disasters are big business. A *Frontline* investigation with NPR explores who profits when disaster strikes. The film focuses on Superstorm Sandy: the thousands still not home, the agencies that were supposed to help, and the companies that made millions.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm

In the eye of legal storm battering Trump — and Trump U.: Donald Trump's defunct "Trump University" real estate seminar business continues to garner controversy, especially after hundreds of documents were released this week detailing the aggressive tactics used by Trump employees. Political director Lisa Desjardins reports on the legal firestorm surrounding the business, and Hari Sreenivasan talks to Tom Hamburger of The Washington Post for more.

Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement

INDEPENDENT LENS: WELCOME TO LEITH (90) minutes

Aired Monday, April 4, 2016 at 10:00pm

Welcome to Leith chronicles the attempted takeover of a small town in North Dakota by notorious white supremacist Craig Cobb. As his behavior becomes more threatening, tensions soar and residents desperately look for ways to expel their unwanted neighbor. An unsettling exploration of what happens to democratic principles when they're pushed to the limit, the film asks us to consider how in a free society we confront people whose views we find abhorrent

INDEPENDENT LENS: PEACE OFFICER (150) minutes

Aired Monday, May 9, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Meet Dub Lawrence, a crusading former sheriff whose investigations highlight the increasingly militarized state of American police. He established Utah's first SWAT team, only to see that same unit kill his son-in-law in a controversial standoff.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired June 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Can either party achieve unity after contentious primaries? Amy Walter of The Cook Political Report and Stuart Rothenberg of The Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report join Gwen Ifill to discuss the latest in politics, including Donald Trump's racially charged standoff with a federal judge, how a diverse electorate could hurt Trump in the general election and whether the Democrats or the Republicans are in a tougher spot.

Economy

POINT TAKEN (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 11:00 pm

This program featured a panel debate concerning whether the American dream of economic mobility is still alive.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm

How a low-cost airline cashed in on cheap flights to paradise: Sometimes called "the Southwest Airlines of Europe," Norwegian Airlines makes a profit even though it undercuts prices of U.S. and foreign competitors. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports from the islands of Guadeloupe on how the low-cost airline took a risk that the bigger carriers wouldn't touch.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Why so many Americans in the middle class have no savings: Could you come up with \$2,000 in 30 days if you had to? As many as 40 percent of American families can't, despite the improving economy. Among them is Neal Gabler, who is frequently broke despite his successful career as a writer. As part of a collaboration between The Atlantic and the PBS NewsHour, Judy Woodruff looks at why Gabler and so many other Americans are struggling with savings.

Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters

NATURE: INDIA'S WONDERING LIONS (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 8:00pm

Witness the incredible story of Asia's last wild lions, once on the brink of extinction, but who now live dangerously close to the villagers of India.

NATURE: THE LAST ORANGUTAN IN EDEN (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Ecologist Chris Morgan ("Bears of the Last Frontier") travels to the jungles of Northern Sumatra to document the efforts to save its wild orangutan population, which is quickly dwindling due to deforestation. Morgan spends time with orphaned orangs at rehabilitation centers observing the process of teaching them the survival skills they'll need to be released back into the wild. He also travels to a peat swamp forest known as Suaq Balimbing in a protected area and part of a World Heritage Site. Working with a team of experienced researchers, he becomes immersed in a unique social band of wild orangs that use tools, share food, forage together and create their own distinct culture. Advanced cameras follow the orangs throughout the canopy to provide an intimate, clear picture of how these arboreal apes spend their days and nights and interact with one another.

GREAT POLAR BEAR FEAST (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, June22, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Investigate the problems facing a unique population of polar bears due to climate change. At the heart is an extraordinary event - the annual gathering of up to 80 polar bears on Barter Island in the Arctic Ocean each September..

Health / Health Care

NOVA: CAN ALZHEIMERS BE STOPPED? (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Alzheimer's ravages the minds of over 40 million victims worldwide. Join scientists as they untangle the cause of this tragic illness and go behind the scenes of major drug trials to discover the therapies that may slow and even prevent the disease.

POV: OF MEN AND WAR (90) minutes

Aired Monday, May 30, 2016 at 11:00 pm

At a first-of-its-kind PTSD treatment center in California, follow Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families on their paths to recovery as they attempt to make peace with their pasts, their loved ones and themselves.

ON THE PSYCHIATRIST'S COUCH WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD (900) minutes

Aired Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 8:00 pm

The Washington Post wrote that by almost any measure Dr. Daniel Amen is the most popular psychiatrist in America. He is a double board certified psychiatrist, who has written 10 New York Times bestselling books, including the mega-bestseller *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life*.

The people who've sat on his psychiatrist's couch came for help for anxiety, depression, ADD, autism, bipolar disorder, addictions they couldn't stop, relationships that were falling apart, and children who were out of control or failing in school. Others came because they wanted to perform better, sleep better, or decrease their risk for illnesses like Alzheimer's disease they saw in their parents. If you or someone you love has ever been concerned about any of these issues, this show is for you.

You'll learn that normal is a myth. Face it, we're all a little crazy and could use some help from time to time. It is the smart person who asks for help when he needs it. Asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. This couch is for people who want to feel better and improve the quality of their lives. In one of his favorite lessons, Dr. Amen will teach viewers four simple steps to breaking an anxiety attack. You don't have to be controlled by your bad thoughts and feelings, you can control them.

National Politics / Government

RELIGION AND ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY (30) minutes

Aired Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 10:30 am

Chicago Gun Violence: The poorest parts of Chicago have become deadly war zones, with armed gangs enabling hundreds of shootings so far this year. But in the first of two reports, correspondent Judy Valente discovers church and community leaders, teachers, and judges doing all they can to stem the gun violence that prompted Catholic Archbishop Blase Cupich to say to the city's children, "The adult world has failed you."

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 11:00 pm

Deborah Hersman of the National Safety Council and Michael Hanna of The Century Foundation discuss the crash of EgyptAir Flight 804. John Dickerson, the anchor of "Face the Nation," discusses Donald Trump's list of potential Supreme Court nominees. Actor Bryan Cranston talks about playing Lyndon B. Johnson.

THE LOOK OF SILENCE (120) minutes

Aired Monday, June 27, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Watch this Oscar®-nominated film, winner of more than 50 awards, in which an optometrist identifies the men who killed his brother in the 1965 Indonesian genocide. He confronts them while testing their eyes and demands they accept responsibility.

Science / Technology

NOVA: VIKINGS UNEARTHED (120) minutes

Aired Wednesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:00pm

Bloody raids. Merciless pillaging. Loathsome invasions. The Vikings are infamous for their fearsome conquests—but they were also expert seafarers, skilled traders, and courageous explorers. They travelled far and wide, crisscrossing the known world from Scandinavia to Europe and into Asia, leaving a trail of evidence that suggests they were far from just vicious warriors. Through stunning CGI recreations and careful investigation of archeological evidence, "Vikings Unearthed" unravels the secrets of these intrepid adventurers. And now, new evidence is coming to light that these pioneering people may have ventured even farther than we had suspected. Renowned space archeologist Sarah Parcak takes up the case, and is on the trail of the Vikings. What she discovers just might rewrite history.

GENIUS BY STEPHEN HAWKING: CAN WE TIME TRAVEL? (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday May 18, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Join Stephen Hawking as he challenges three ordinary people to determine if time travel is possible. The fascinating journey of discovery features DeLoreans, atomic clocks, a giant black hole and a large swath of New York City.

NOVA: MAKING NORTH AMERICA--ORIGINS (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 9:00 pm

See the epic 3-billion-year story of how our continent came to be. From palm trees that once flourished in Alaska to huge eruptions that nearly tore the Midwest in two, discover how forces of almost unimaginable power gave birth to North America.

War / Veterans / National Security

FRONTLINE: CHILDREN OF SYRIA (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 10:00pm

Follow four children surviving in war-torn Aleppo and their escape to a new life in Germany. The program films the family over three years, from the siege of their city to the kidnapping of their father to the struggle of becoming refugees.

FRONTLINE: BENGHAZI IN CRISIS (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Follow journalist Feras Kilani on the ground in war-torn Benghazi, birthplace of Libya's uprising and now besieged by ISIS and warring militias. Also this hour, Safa Al-Ahmad makes a dangerous trip to report on the fighting in Yemen.

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Monday, June 20, 2016 at 11:00 pm

A conversation with the vice president Joe Biden on gun control; foreign policy and the importance of international cooperation and respect in a time of terrorism; the Obama administration's military and political policies concerning the conflicts in the Middle East as well as Russia and China; his role in the administration's "moon shot" program to fight cancer, his relationship with President Obama, the presidential campaign and his decision to support Hillary Clinton rather than seek the presidency.